**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Blennerhasset Village Hall**

**on Wednesday 14th September, 2022 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe (Chair) and W. Powley

Also Present: One parish member.

As the meeting was not quorate any decisions will be ratified at the next meeting.

**2575 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence were received from Cllr M. Giddings. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

Apologies for absence were also received from M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor, J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor and A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

**2576 Minutes 6th July, 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July, 2022 were accepted as a true record.

**2577 Declarations of Interest**

Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests

(i) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature

(ii) To declare any pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature

No declarations of interest were received.

**2578 Dispensation Requests**

None received.

**2579 Public Voice Slot**

Dog Fouling – Cllr Bowe reported she had received several reports of dog fouling incidents in Blennerhasset. It was suggested that a sign stating that dogs are not allowed on the playing field be erected.

The rubbish outside two properties in Blennerhasset reported at the last meeting had not been removed

Land ownership at West End Torpenhow – A query was received regarding the ownership of the land outside the property West End, Torpenhow and whether the parish council would be willing to sell this. A response had been sent advising that the land is registered as a village green and is part of VG119. The parish council would not be willing to sell the land but are willing to grant access over the green to any potential buyer of the property as they had granted this to the previous owner.

Blocked footpath Torpenhow to Snittlegarth – a report had been received that the footpath from Torpenhow to Snittlegarth was inaccessible. This had been reported to the Countyside Access Team at Cumbria County Council.

A parish member had raised some issues from the last meeting regarding the HGV sign, street sweeping and the road closure. A response had been sent to the parish member.

**2580 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Apologies had been received from M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor, A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor and J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

Police Community Support Officer – No report received.

**2581 Matters arising from the Meeting 6 July 2022**

The rubbish left outside two properties in Blennerhasset had not been removed. The Clerk would chase this up with the Borough Council.

**2582 Highways**

1. Maintenance

Highways had advised they do not intend to take any further action on the Torpenhow to Cockbridge road and also advised that the manhole cover in Torpenhow had not been covered over.

The Local Area Network Manager for Highways had advised that the road between Blennerhasset and the Ftiz has been temporarily repaired due to the condition of the carriageway. It will however need a number of overlays and some further patching before it will be suitable for surface dressing.

(b) County of Cumbria (U2103 Bothel to Torpenhow and A595) (Temporary Traffic Regulation) Order 2022 – Members noted the content of the Order which prohibits all traffic from proceeding along that section of the U2103 Bothel to Torpenhow from its junction with the A595 at Bothel extending in an easterly direction for approximately 300 metres. The order came into force on 30th May and may continue in force for a maximum duration of eighteen months. It is anticipated that the restrictions will be required for approximately 30 weeks and only as and when the appropriate traffic signs are displayed. A copy of the Order had been displayed on the parish noticeboard.

**2583** **Planning**

1. Applications received:

HOU/2022/0152 – Orchard House, Blennerhasset, CA7 3QX

Replacement of existing patent glazing with new velux windows with a small area of the roof changed from slate to lead.

Re-consultation on planning application

HOU/2022/0122 - Kingarth, Torpenhow, Wigton CA7 1JA

Construction of new driveway access to property to replace existing shared access

1. Decisions:

 LBC/2022/0012 – Pear Tree House, Blennerhasset CA7 3RE

 Listed Building consent for replacement of roof extension (amended description) GRANTED

 LBC/2022/0029 - Pear Tree House, Blennerhasset, Wigton, CA7 3RE

 Listed Building consent for the replacement of windows, repairs to the East chimney and repairs and painting of external walls to all elevations of property - GRANTED

FUL/2022/0133 - Land rear of Wallace House, Blennerhasset, Wigton, CA7 3QU

 Erection of two horticultural poly tunnels and associated shed GRANTED

**2584 Annual Insurance/Risk Assessment**

The renewal documentation had been received and was considered by Members. It was agreed that the policy is adequate for the parish council’s requirements and would be renewed at an annual premium of £347.51.

**2585 Financial Matters**

1. The financial statement at 31st August, 2022 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances at 31st August, 2022

Nat West £ 276.20

Cumberland Building Society £15,846.99

Income Received – COIF Charity £0.41

(b) The following payments were approved for payment:

 Torpenhow Village Hall – Room Hire £ 16.00

 Clerk’s account Quarter 2 2022-23 £442.15

 HMRC – PAYE Quarter 2 2022-23 £110.60

 Clerks Expenses 1st July – 14th September £163.10

 BHIB Ltd – Annual Insurance £347.51

(c) The mandate for Cumberland Building Society had been completed and will be submitted to CBS with a signed copy of the minutes.

(d) Nat West Account – It was agreed that the account with NatWest should remain open and updated with Cllr Jean Bowe being added as an authorised signatory.

**2586 Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted by Members.

CALC - LGR update: Service blueprints and Staff Allocation Framework

CALC - Annual Meeting of the Allerdale district of Cumbria association of local councils

CALC - LGR update: Branding/logo design for the two new councils

CALC - Local Government Reorganisation newsletters

Cumbria CC - Amber weather warning for extreme heat

CALC - Training Programme September to December 2022

CALC - Grants for planting trees, orchards and hedgerows, open to Town & Parish Councils

CALC - Covid-19 and Flu Updates

CALC - Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust Grant Funding

CALC/CCC – Highways My account functionality

CALC - Parish Councils Elections 2023 - cost of election

CALC - Climate Change- 3 Ways that Town and Parish Councils can respond using their powers and duties

CALC Annual Review 2021/2022

CALC - Future Governance of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service

CALC - Cost of Living Crisis: Sustainable Warmth Cumbria Grants & Free Energy Saving Advice from Cold to Cosy Homes Cumbria

CALC - Civility and Respect Newsletter

CALC - Cumberland Council Plan Consultation

CALC - Wigton Hospital Open Day- 21st August

CALC - Every Life Matters Training Courses Autumn 2022

CALC - ACT Update 5 August 2022

CALC/Friends of the Lake District - Common Land and Village Greens

Environment Agency - New Flood Warning Service for Blennerhasset and Baggrow

Liftshare | Bothel & Wharrels Promotion

Urgent temporary road closure U2103 Torpenhow to allow United Utilities to carry out urgent repairs.

**2587 Blennerhasset Playing Field**

1. Play Area – The parish member in attendance provided an update. The parish council was asked if they would match the funding raised at the charity night. This request would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Play Area Inspection – The play area inspection had been carried out and the report circulated at the meeting. There were no high risks identified.

(c) Management of the Field – The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Charity Commission who advised they are unable to amend the Charity until the reporting is brought up to date. The Charity Commission suggested that the Trustees be contacted and asked if they wished to remain as a Trustee. The Clerk agreed to contact the Trustees.

**2588 Tree Inspection, Blennerhasset**

Cllr Powley reported that the inspection had been carried out by Lowther Forestry with no issues arising. A written report will follow.

**2589 New Flood Warning Service for Blennerhasset and Baggrow**

The Environment Agency had forwarded details of the new flood warning service for the River Ellen at Blennerhasset and Baggrow that would be launched on 24th August. Anyone whose property is at risk of flooding will be able to register to receive free flood warnings from the Environment Agency which will provide advance notification of potential flooding and enable proactive action to be taken ahead of flooding occurring. The Clerk reported that details of the service had been displayed on the notice board at Blennerhasset and is available on the Blennerhasset website.

**2590 Donation Request**

The donation request from Wigton Baths Trust was deferred to the next meeting.

**2591 Resignation of Parish Councillor**

A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr A. Little. The vacancies on the parish council will be advertised in the parish.

**2592 Co-option of new councillors**

As the meeting was not quorate it was suggested that an extra ordinary meeting be arranged to co-opt the parish members who had expressed an interest in joining the parish council.

**2593 Agenda items for the Next Meeting**

Co-option of new members

**2594**  **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 9th November, 2022 – 7.30 pm - Torpenhow Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed………………………………………………….…Chairman Date………………………………….